

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraphs [184]-[185] on pages 43-44 and paragraph [198] on page 47 of the original Specification with the following amended paragraphs as indicated below:

@ pages 43-44:

[184] A U-shaped pinion drive housing 920 is secured by fasteners to the upper side of mounting plate 922 laterally spaced from the external periphery of ABS driven external spur gear 904. A pinion drive 924 is mounted by fasteners substantially within the confines of pinion drive housing 920 but with its axial pinion drive gear section 926 extending substantially vertically outward from pinion drive housing 920 in the direction of ABS driven external spur gear 904 in order to drive an ABS pinion spur gear 928, which matingly engages driven spur gear tooth plate section 906 in order to drive rotation of ABS driven spur gear 904 when pinion drive 924 is activated. When pinion drive 924 is activated, ABS pinion spur gear 928 drives the rotation of slip drive ring 912 through friction contact between slip drive ~~ring~~ 912 and ABS driven external spur gear 904, which in turn drives rotation of circular end plate 916.

[185] Power wiring 934 is secured at one end to pinion drive 924 and passes through an aperture 936 in mounting plate 922 in order to connect to a power supply (not shown) within the gaming machine housing 938. Pinion drive 924 is activated upon receipt of electrical power through power wiring 934 and, preferably, this electrical power is provided during the entire time the gaming machine within gaming housing 938 is activated. When activated, rotatable action ball cylinder 902 will rotate and agitate balls ~~912~~ 930 except when, as a result of the slip drive arrangement, action ball cylinder 902 ceases rotation due to interference with the rotation of the

action ball cylinder 902 by, for example, contact with a patron or interfering object. Action ball cylinder 902 resumes rotation automatically upon removal of the interference provided that power is still being provided to pinion drive 924.

@ page 47:

[198] Referring back to figure 24B, figure 24B depicts action ball cylinder 902 in a recessed portion 914 of game housing 938. Of course, action ball cylinder 902 may be mounted in a variety of ways without departing from the scope of the invention. However, it should be appreciated that having action ball cylinder 902 rotate in recessed area 914 may aid in providing the illusion that it is balls 930 in action ball cylinder 902 that are being selected and displayed to the player. The portion of action ball cylinder 902 in recessed area 914 is preferably not viewable by the player. Because the player is not able to view all of action ball cylinder 902, the player may believe that the mechanism that transports balls 930 from action ball cylinder 902 to the display area is in recessed area 914. Therefore, the actual method of operation of the gaming device is better concealed from the player, who is also less likely to question the illusion.